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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

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[] At least to the extent required under §1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of the relevance of references listed in form PL-1449 is:

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Basis for Consideration. This information disclosure statement is entitled to consideration by the Office under:

[] **§1.97(b)**, as being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-captioned application and/or the date of entry of the National Stage, if later, and/or before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits. Applicant(s) is/are unaware that any office action has issued in this case. However, in the event a first office action has issued, prior to the mailing of this document, then authorization is given to charge the late fee to the deposit account identified below.

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Attachment(s)

- Form 1449 with copies of reference(s)
- Form 1449 from predecessor application (no references)
- Communication providing concise explanation of relevance
- International Search Report